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***“Arizona Prop 200 Adopted by Decisive 56% Vote;
47% of Latino Voters”***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) today expressed his concern over the media blackout on the passage of immigration reform measure Proposition 200 in Arizona.

“Arizona’s Proposition 200 marks a milestone in the battle for common sense immigration reform,” said Tancredo, chair of the Congressional Immigration Reform Caucus. “I am disappointed – but not surprised – by the lack of media attention dedicated to the passage of this measure that the media and political establishments staunchly opposed.”

The proposition faced serious opposition as its rivals enjoyed support from the state’s Governor, two incumbent U.S. Senators, the state’s major newspapers, the chamber of commerce, and labor unions. In addition to facing opposition from most of the state’s power brokers, proponents of the measure were outspent almost two to one in the final days of the campaign.

Exit polls of voters in Arizona also revealed that 47% of Latino voters supported it, along with 65% of “other non-white” voters, meaning Native Americans, Asians and Blacks.

The common sense proposition will require proof of citizenship for voter registration and actual balloting and also requires state employees to verify citizenship or legal residency before allowing applicants access to welfare and other state social services. Access to K-12 education, emergency medical care and other services mandated by federal law were explicitly exempted.

“The abject failure of the federal government to address the problem of illegal immigration has finally prompted Arizona voters to say ‘enough is enough,’” Tancredo concluded, “And more ‘Prop 200’s’ across the country are sure to follow if Congress doesn’t step up to the plate and take is issue on.”

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